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TONGUES AND SOUNDS.

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CORNED BEEF.

OYSTERS.

LOBSTERS.

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Hongkong, November 26, 1878.

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(IN ORDER TO EFFECT CLEARANCE OF AN INVOICE.)

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Per Case 1 Doz. Quarts, \$13.

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Hongkong, November 18, 1878.

NOTICE.

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A. NEWTON,

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Hongkong, November 6, 1878.

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(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

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LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, October 18, 1878.

Auctions.

Intimations.

MOORE & Co.,</p

Notices to Consignees.

OCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S.
COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship "BELGIO," from San Francisco, &c., are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding discharge of the Steamer will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

G. B. EMORY,
Agent.

Hongkong, November 24, 1878. de2

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

L. RENNEQUIN,
Actg. Agent.

Ex "Anadyr."

M F, No. 381/2, Mr. W. R. Mansfield, 2 cases Wine, from Marseilles.

M F, No. 383/5, Mr. W. R. Mansfield, 3 cases Cognac, from Marseilles.

T H, Tan Sive, 4 pks Metal, from Batavia.

Hongkong, November 22, 1878.

INTIMATIONS.

CAUTION TO THE PUBLIC!

DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE.

WHEREAS it having become known to the Proprietors of DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE that a worthless imitation bearing a similar name, is exported to India, China, &c., and endeavoured to be foisted on purchasers as equal in efficacy to Dr. Bright's Phosphodyne, they feel it due to the public to specially caution them against this compound and request their most careful attention to the following distinctive characteristics of Dr. Bright's (the only genuine) Phosphodyne.

1st.—That Dr. Bright's Phosphodyne is solid in cases.

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Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

GLAMIS, British bark, Captain Key.—
KNUELL & CO.

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COMMISSARY, British ship, Captain A. McIlroy.—Meyer & Co.

GATANILLA, British barque, Captain Wallace.—Captain.

ALAZZO, British barque, Captain Robert Falconer.—Captain.

FAUVE, French barque, Captain E. M. Gouyo.—Landstein & Co.

NAPIER, British barque, Capt. W. L. Bryant.—Messagers Maritimes.

YOUTH OF FORTS, British barque, Capt. J. Cowper.—Olyphant & Co.

EARL OF DEVON, British barque, Captain James Beer.—Captain.

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CHIANG ASIA, British barque, Capt. W. S. Herkine.—Olyphant & Co.

Entertainment.

POSTPONED
IN CONSEQUENCE OF MR. VERNON NOT
HAVING RECOVERED SUFICIENTLY
TO APPEAR.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL,
HONGKONG.

THE OPERA SEASON BEING
FINISHED,

MR. JOHN ROLLINGS
BEGS to announce that he will take his
FAREWELL BENEFIT
In Hongkong,
ON

SATURDAY EVENING,
November 30th, 1878,
(ST. ANDREW'S DAY.)

On which occasion will be produced
BENEDICT'S ROMANTIC OPERA
"THE LILY OF KILLARNEY,"
In Four Acts,
With all its Startling Effects.

MISS CLARA STANLEY AS ELLY.

CAST OF CHARACTERS:

Hardress Oregan,...Mr. H. VERNON.
Danny Maon,...Mr. H. PHILLIPS.
Myles-na-Coppalreen, Mr. J. ROLLINGS.
Anne Chute,...Miss B. DRAEGER.
Mrs Oregan,...Miss A. DRAEGER.
Father Tom,...Mr. PADDON.
Mr Corrigan,...Mr. MACKINNON.
Servant,...Miss BEAUTOM.
Shelah,...Miss B. DRAEGER.
MISS CLARA STANLEY AS ELLY O'CONNOR,

BUNTER, &c.

THE CELEBRATED WATER CAVE SCENE WILL
BE PRODUCED IN THE EXTRAVAGANZA,
WITH ALL ITS STARTLING EFFECTS.

SYNOPSIS OF SCENERY:

ACT I.

HALL OF TOME OREGAN.

ACT II.

THE GAP OF DUNLOE.

COBBAGE AT MUCKROSS HEAD.

MR. J. ROLLINGS and Miss B. DRAEGER
will introduce the celebrated

Mrs MAC GOWAN'S REEL.

ACT III.

SCENE 1st.—EXTERIOR OF TOME OREGAN.

SCENE 2nd.—MOUNTAIN PASS.

Interval of Five Minutes.

SCENE 3rd.—THE CELEBRATED CAVE SCENE.

ACT IV.

THE MARRIAGE SCENE.

GENERAL DENOUEMENT.

MUSICAL Director,...Mr. F. PANIZZA.

The Operas are produced under the Sole direction of

Mr. H. VERNON.

REMEMBER SATURDAY, Nov. 30th /

ROLLINGS' BENEFIT.

Tickets to be had and Seats secured at Messrs KIRK & CO.'s, where a Plan of the Theatre may be seen.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Dress Circle or Orchestra Stalls,...TWO DOLLARS.

PIR,...ONE DOLLAR.

Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen cannot be admitted.

Hongkong, November 27, 1878. de2

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Price: FIVE DOLLARS, OF TWO DOLLARS
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To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

The Spanish Steamer

"EMUY."

BLANDO, Master, will be despatched

as above on FRIDAY Next,

the 29th Instant, at 6 o'clock p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

REMEDIOS & CO.

Nov. 27, 1878.

Notices to Consignees.

ENTERTAINMENT.

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THE OPERA SEASON BEING

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MR. JOHN ROLLINGS

BEGS to announce that he will take his

FAREWELL BENEFIT

In Hongkong,

ON

Wednesday Evening,

the 4th December, 1878.

(By Special Request)

The Performance will commence with a

Comedy, in Two Acts, by

PELHAM HARDWICK, Esq.,

Entitled:

"A BACHELOR OF ARTS."

To conclude with a Farceous Extravaganza,

In One Act, by

Messrs BROUCH and HALLDAY,

Entitled:

"THE COLLEEN BAWN

SETTLED AT LAST."

Doors Open at 8.30; Curtain to rise at 9.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Reserved Seats,...1 DOLLAR.

Front Seats,...50 CENTS.

Back Seats,...25 CENTS.

Tickets may be obtained from

D. WISHART, Band Sergeant,

Hongkong, November 27, 1878. de2

ENTERTAINMENT.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For HAIPHONG.—

Per barque Penith, at 3 p.m. To-morrow,

the 28th Inst.

For SHANGHAI:—

Per Flyer, at 8.30 p.m. To-morrow, the

28th Inst.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS:—

Per Lorne, at 3.30 p.m., on Friday, the

29th Inst., instead of as previously

notified.

For HOIHOW & HAIPHONG, (carrying

Mails for Pakhol and Hanoi).

Per Conquest, at 5 p.m., on Friday, the

The total returns generally of the Ports do not appear to indicate a falling off in the trade.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The performance of "The Lily of Killarney" is further postponed until Saturday next, Mr. Vernon not being yet sufficiently recovered to play.

A SAILING match is being arranged for merchant ships' boats to-morrow, to start at 11 a.m., the occasion being Thanksgiving Day with our American friends. The entrance fee is \$5 for each boat, the course being twice round Stone-cutter's Island. We hope to see a good fleet of boats face the starter; six boats are already entered, but entries can be effected up to the last moment.

We are glad to note that the interest of our Volunteers is likely to be kept up by out-door exercises other than mere drills and parades. A shooting match is announced to take place on Saturday next, when two prizes will be shot for. One prize is allotted to the man who makes the best score in the shortest time at 300, 250, and 200 yards; five shots at each range; any position, Snider rifles. The other prize to be shot for will fall to the lot of the non-commissioned officer or private who makes the highest score with 10 shots at 300 yards. Non-attendance at requisite drill may disqualify members.

We understand that Inspector Orley has organized a body of men (Chinese) numbering about one hundred for the Fire Brigade. These men have been enlisted from the markets, and are to receive payment according to the length of time they are engaged at actual work—the Government providing each of them with a suit of uniform. This addition has been made to the Brigade owing, we believe, to the accident in which F. C. Bond received his injuries.

Mr Justice Russell sat in Summary Jurisdiction to-day. The cases were of very little interest to our readers. One a man, a barber, was sent to one month's hard labour for giving wilful false testimony. It appears that he had sold his barber's shop and gone to Canton, and during his absence a creditor obtained judgment against him. He returned to the Colony, and his creditor then pressed for payment, the result being that the unhappy barber summoned another man for \$12, which sum it was clearly proved the man of razors had already received. He will now have 30 days to deliberate on the folly of his ways.

At the Marine Court to-day, Thomas Collins, seaman belonging to the British barque *Dromedary*, was charged by Henry Wayman, the master, with refusing duty. Defendant admitted having been absent from his ship without leave, but said that since then he had been too unwell to work. The doctor had prescribed for him, but as the medicine was the same as had been prescribed for another man and which made the man bad, defendant would not take it. Defendant said he was better now and would return to his duty. He was ordered to forfeit ten days' pay for being absent without leave, and six days' pay for refusal of duty.

Police Intelligence. (Both Magistrates sitting.)

27 Nov., 1878.

A DANGEROUS MAN.

Tang Ahing, a cook unemployed, was charged by Inspector Lindsay with being a person dangerous to the peace of the Colony, and was ordered to find security in \$50 to answer any charge which might be brought against him; failing security, the case to be brought, to the notice of H. E. the Governor.

LARCENY.

Sam Ayik, a hawker, and Tang Aman, a coolie, pleaded guilty to stealing \$14, the property of one Lai Ayan. They pleaded poverty as the cause of their crime. Three months' hard labour, the last 14 days to be in solitary confinement.

Mok Awei, a coolie, pleaded guilty to stealing a sheet of copper, the property of the Patent Slip & Dock Company. He was sent to 15 days' imprisonment, 14 days of which to be in solitary confinement, and to be exposed 6 hours in the stocks near the West Point Slip.

Pin Aaha, a hawker, was sent to six months' hard labour, the last 14 days to be in solitary confinement, and to be exposed in the stocks for 6 hours, for stealing a piece of iron the property of the P. & O. Company valued at \$5. There were three previous convictions against the accused.

TO-DAY'S FINES.

Cheng Pak-fuk, hawking fresh fish in Tai-ping-sing. Fined 50 cents.

William Martha, seaman British ship Commissary, drunkenness and fighting to pay chair-hire. Fined 50 cents and ordered to pay 50 cents amends.

Li Ato, a hawker, hawking vegetables without a license. Fined \$1.

Cheung Akwo, a shop-coolie, throwing stones into a brothel. Fined \$1.

Lo Akul, occupant of house No. 16 Po-pan Street, throwing rubbish into the pub. streets. Fined \$1.

Chun A-san, a hawker, hawking ground nuts without a license; pleaded want of time to procure a license. Fined \$2.

Chan Apa, a coolie, and Li Ayan, disorderly conduct. Fined \$5 and \$1 respectively. The 2nd man charged the 1st with stealing \$1, but was unable to prove the charge. The 1st defendant had been once before convicted.

A CHINESE WEDDING.

The very unusual circumstance of a Chinaman making a marriage for his son, and inviting all his "foreign friends" to present—those whom he knew best by special invitation addressed to them, and others by advertisement in the newspapers—is an event which merits notice as well for its generosity and large-heartedness as for its rarity. Ah Mow is a Chinaman, who, arriving in Shanghai from Ningpo many years ago, commenced business in a very small way. He attended auctions, and anything he bought might be had for so small a commission additional to the price he had paid, that his shop became quite an attraction to those who required out-of-the-way articles, and who could not waste their time at the public sales. Gradually his shop became more and more extensive, and he began to charge a more definite profit on his purchases. His popularity and business still increasing, he was at length obliged to build suitable premises, and form an establishment worthy of his extending prosperity. The building is situated on the very extreme of the French Settlement, far away from the abodes of the foreign residents; yet so well was he known and his honorable dealing appreciated, that he has kept on his profitable career, exclusively supported by foreign patronage. It is not to be wondered at then that he has a more than ordinary regard for those whose favour has made him the rich man he is reputed to be.

He has two sons, the younger of whom having arrived at a marriageable age, a wife was sought for him among the daughters of his countrymen of Ningpo, and one was selected whose father is intimately connected with Ah Mow in business.

It appears that the youth has been a great favourite with his father ever since he had judgment sufficient to know right from wrong; and has by his good conduct given promise of not only performing the ordinary filial duties required of him, but of honourably maintaining the family name should he survive his parent. The father determined therefore that the occasion of his marriage should be marked with a profusion and a liberality which should prove the affection in which he held his son.

Accordingly great preparations were made, and the day fixed for the ceremony was Tuesday, the 12th instant—the hour 5 P.M.

Invitations were sent out on red paper enclosed in a large red envelope.

But as we have already said, lest any should deem themselves excluded by not receiving a special invitation, an advertisement appeared inviting all friends.

We are not to suppose that the popularity of the giver of the feast was the sole reason of the gathering that ensued. Curiosity probably lent it aid. Be that as it may, the invitations were very largely responded to.

The compound on which the buildings are erected is not large. From the street an arborway with a good-sized room on each side, ordinarily filled with furniture, leads into a paved courtyard; at a little distance on the right is a room generally devoted to ornamental furniture, vases and nick-nacks; a little further on is the shop, a long narrow room with two centre doors opposite to each other, and one side door; and behind this is a similar building, divided into three rooms and used in the business, besides other apartments for the family. The ceremony took place in the centre room in the last named edifice.

At the appointed hour a number of both ladies and gentlemen had arrived. They found the bridal chair, which, as everyone knows forms an important part in the

legality of a marriage in China, was already

in position at the entrance of the room in which the ceremony was to take place. It was closed by a drop screen or curtain, and two female attendants, one of whom we believe was the go-between, the other a servant, were in front of it. The room was not a large one, and some tables arranged as an altar with handsomely decorated red candles upon it, besides a censer of incense smoking, and sundry powder vases and other altar ornaments, occupied the portion of the room nearest the front. The back of the room was occupied by foreign ladies who had come earliest, for whom chairs had been placed. In two rooms forming wings to the above a great many visitors, both foreigners and Chinese, found seats; whilst outside there was quite a crowd of gentle-

men.

In the chair was seated the bride, who had to wait patiently for a full hour,

whilst the guests continued to assemble.

It was nearly six o'clock before the bridegroom made his appearance, and entering most unceremoniously without the attendance of any friends he took his place at the altar at the inner part of the room. He had been preceded by a master of the ceremonies, and the musicians (four boys and four women, who had been hitherto stationed at different portions of the compound, and played alternately), preceded into the room and took up a position on one side of the table. The bride then, having first had some refreshment offered to her in the chair, came forth supported by the two women, one of whom held her by the waist behind, the other held her hands. It is impossible for a foreigner to describe correctly the bridal array, which, however, it must be understood, is all hired—both for the bride and bridegroom. The bridegroom had on a long satin robe with richly embroidered badges both before and behind, mandarin hat and shoes; the lady's dress was a very loose tunica of rich material over a heavily embroidered plaited skirt, with a bridal crown, from which a light scarf was descended on all sides completely hiding the head from view. An elderly woman seemed to have charge also of the young gentleman. The bride and bridegroom having been placed side by side in front of the altar, the M.C. said some ceremonial words, and ceasing, the musicians struck up, whilst the pair kowtowed to the altar, all the movements being assisted by the female attendants. They then after some similar address, and again to the strains of music, kowtowed to each other, and once more, with like accompaniments, turned to the inside of the room and went through the same genuflexions. So far the ceremony was ended; but now came a very trying ordeal for them. They had to go to every room on the premises in which tables for

banqueting had been spread, and kowtow to the tables, and that included all of the rooms we have specified. The bride's veil was raised during this ceremony, that all might see her, and as she followed her husband from one to the other, gazed upon by all the assembled strangers, the young lady must have felt very uncomfortable. Neither she nor her husband looked at each other or at any of the visitors, or smiled throughout.

This ordeal having been passed, she was led to the bridal chamber, and the bridegroom left her; but foreigners crowded in and witnessed the change of her head-dress. The veils and crowns were removed, and another head-dress, also hired, was regularly built around her head. She then had to sit in a chair for inspection.

The Chinese custom is to pass all sorts of remarks on the personal appearance, often anything but complimentary, and this she had to endure with what complacence she can. As it was, she was spared anything like this from her ignorance of the language of her visitors. We should hope also from their better feelings, which would shrink from wilfully inflicting pain on any young lady at such a time.

Meanwhile Ah Mow invited all his guests to be seated at the tables, which were loaded with good things in the before-mentioned apartments; and, although many went home after the ceremony, there were never over a hundred who stayed themselves of the kind host's hospitality.

Each day since, the festivities have been

continued among the Chinese themselves;

and foreigners who have visited the store,

ignorant of the fact, have found tables still

set, the bride still in state to receive visitors, but divested of the hired garments;

and the bridegroom in his finery.—*Social Circle.*

CAIRO DURING THE SEASON.

It is now becoming so very fashionable to visit Cairo during the winter season, and either to pass part or the whole winter there, that many will doubt be amused to hear a little about the gaieties and amusements which go on in the capital of the Khedive. Few, who have read descriptions of old Cairo could imagine on arriving at night in this city that it was the same place, so modern is its appearance. Driving from the railway station through the well-lighted streets into the Ushbeki, with its shops and buildings, and cafés châtaigne, past Shepheard's Hotel and the gardens of the Khedive, to the new hotel, and the round "Place" with its fountain in the centre, the fine opera house, government buildings, &c., one could almost imagine oneself in a part of Paris, if it were not for the cries of "Yemen" (right), "Schumalik" (left), for everyone drives the side he chooses in Cairo, of the coachmen and syces (runners), the flaming torches of the running bearers belonging to the vice-regal and harem carriages, or the sight of the Arabs lying strewed about in the streets fast asleep, rolled in their rugs, the perpetual barking of the wild-pair dogs, and the braying of donkeys. These two latter noises rather disturb the peace of night for the weary travellers on first arriving in Cairo; but the ear soon becomes accustomed to the sounds, and hardly notices them. The morning light awakens one to the fact that one is in a real eastern city; the grave-looking lamas, with rarely a swifter-footed dromedary, gaily trapped, his rider securely seated on his enormous saddle, a real Bedouin of the desert, in flowing burnous, gaudy turban, a waist scarf stuck full of awful weapons, a long carbine over his shoulder, and savage though good-looking face, speeding along at a swinging trot; the donkeys of all sorts, the little over-worked carriers of stone, vegetables, and a multitude of other things—the saddle donkeys for hire, more or less good in appearance, the grand white donkeys having private owners, beautifully groomed, with their own attendant, and with trappings of crimson and gold, tassels and chains of silver, their heads reined up tightly, and ambling proudly along; the little, badly-made, low, squeaking caravans, dragged by a weary old horse or a young bullock; the cabs, or "arbagies" as they are called here, and which are infinitely more comfortable than London cabs, each with its little over-worked cab-horse, and quantities of wild dogs, wandering, sleeping, fighting at every corner. Then glance at the people—nearly every costume meets the eye, from the European lady and gentleman to the common street Arab, with his bare feet, flowing gown of dirty light-blue cotton reaching from his shoulders to his heels, and still dirtier brown or red felt skull cap on his shaved head, with his wife trotting after him, clad from head to toe in dark blue clinging garments, a heavy load on her head, and the hideous "yashmak" covering all her face except her eyes. Alas! for those who come to the East dreaming of glorious Eastern beauty beneath the modest veil, the "real thing" is a hideous piece of black stuff, looking like a long black tongue, fastened across the face under the eyes, and kept in its place by a metal chain down the centre of the forehead, and giving the most ugly eyes a decided expression of squinting; and the eyes nearly all are small and bear-like.

However poets and painters may rave, beautiful eyes are quite

rare, if not more so, in the East as in Europe, and then there is no variety, as they are all of the same colour, namely, black.

Occasionally, of course, one sees

what one reads of often, that is, a pair of

large, languishing orbs, black as night, with a fringe of eyelashes which anyone might

envy, their beauty heightened by the black kohl lines drawn beneath them, for the

Eastern women are not in any way behind

time in their knowledge of cosmetics.

The "henna-tipped fingers," however, of

which there is no sign, are to be seen.

The opera is a most beautiful little house, hung

with crimson and gold, and highly ornamented in white and gold painting. The

whole of the centre of the house contains

stalls which are (there is no p^t) chiefly

occupied by gentlemen, with here and there

a few strange ladies, as none of the ladies

of Cairo go into the stalls; then comes

the first tier of boxes, then the grand tier and a third tier above these; above that is the

gallery. The first and grand tiers of boxes

are almost entirely occupied by B. H. and

his Court, comprising the princes of his

family and foreign Consul-Generals, and

the highest ministers and officers of his

sovereign and government; and all are let by

the season, excepting one or two which are

reserved for visitors to hire. The third

tier is chiefly occupied by actresses, &c.

His Highness's box is on the grand tier on

the left stage side with the haroon boxes,

which are all enclosed with lattice work so

skillfully worked that it looks like a light

gown. The better class of Arab men who have not adopted the European dress (most of them have, always maintaining the fez however) wear the usual Arab dress of full trousers, jacket and turban, the colours diversified according to the taste of the wearer, though rarely brilliant, and the hideous wide, large-soled shoes, yellow, green, or red. Many handsome Greek dresses are to be seen, and now and then an Albanian passes in gorgeous attire. The prettiest native dresses are those of the servants, kavasses and syces. The former are usually attired in full trousers of snow white calico, white or light-coloured shirt, waistcoats of gay satin or embroidered silk or cloth, a many-coloured scarf round the waist, black boots for best, and on the heads the crimson fez with its long black tassel. Many of them wear hand-sabres, scimitars and chains of which they are very proud. These servants, who are butlers, footmen, chambermaids, cooks, &c., are chiefly Akyansians, though many are Arabs or half-castes; they are darker skinned, some quite black, and have woolly hair. They are supposed to be better servants and more faithful than the Arabs. The kavasses are also footmen of a different description; they sit on the box of the carriage, answer the door, &c., and are generally handsomely dressed in the same style; but their costumes are made of rich cloth, embroidered or braided, and they wear in their belts a scimitar and dagger or pistol. But the most graceful costumes of all are those of the syces. These men run before the carriages or before riders barefooted, with long cane-like whips without lashes, and clear the road for the drivers. It is quite impossible in Cairo to drive or ride without a syce, as the streets are thronged with carts, horses, donkeys, camels, carriages, and people in indescribable confusion; and as no particular side is kept, without a syce to clear the road it would be next to impossible to move. The syces wear white trousers to the knees, from whence they are cut, and a coloured scarf round the waist, with long sleeves, which are carelessly tied behind snow-white lawn; and these, flying out behind as they run, give the appearance of wings, and are particularly graceful; a splendidly embroidered waistcoat and crimson fez, with black tassel, complete this costume. The waistcoats of the syces are the most beautifully embroidered of all the servants, and a great deal of money is spent upon them; the more gold used in the embroidery the more handsome they appear.

The jackets of the syces of H. H. the Khedive are a mass of gold, and look beautiful. He, and those of his family and harem, usually drive with two or more syces in front of the horses; everyone else in Cairo drives with one syce. Life in Cairo for the court and other inhabitants usually commences pretty early in the morning. There is no doubt that the early morning is the most beautiful time in Cairo. During the warm weather, in October and the early part of November, it is the most refreshing time of day; the air—of which there is always abundance—is balmy and sweet, and until nine or even ten o'clock remains unheated by the sun; and then in the early morning it seems frequently almost frosty, so sharp is it, yet the effect of a good walk or ride is as bracing as they would be in England or the seaside. At about eleven o'clock, or between that and one o'clock, most of the Cairo world of fashion sit down to a substantial lunch-breakfast, and by half-past one or two o'clock nearly everyone is out, shopping or paying calls, and from this business passing on to the inevitable drive in the Shoubra, where you usually meet most of your friends enjoying themselves in a car or drive in this beautiful shade avenue of acacia trees. There you see most

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H. de POUEY,
Agent.
Hongkong, November 1, 1878.

NOTICE.

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J. INGLIS & Co.
Hongkong, June 13, 1878.

NOTICE.

MR NG MEI KUM otherwise called MR NG HOK MUN is admitted a Partner in our Firm from the 2nd February, 1878.

TACK MEE, HOP KEE HONG,
No. 9 & 11, Bonham Strand West.
Hongkong, September 30, 1878.

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, November 15, 1878.

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Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

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Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

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Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

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LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, October 18, 1878.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. M. Naval Storekeeper, to sell by Public Auction, on JANUARY Next, they will offer their Large and Magnificent Stock of JEWELLERY, WATCHES, CLOCKS, SILVER, and ELECTRO-PLATE, &c., &c., Considerably under the Usual Prices.

TUESDAY, the 3rd December, 1878, at 11 o'clock a.m., at H. M. NAVAL YARD,— SUNDRY CONDEMNED NAVAL and VICTUALLING STORES, Comprising:

Old Wrought and Cast Iron.

Old Wine, Canvas and Leather Hoses, Lanterns, Glass, White and Painted Canvas.

Old Boilers, Boats, &c., &c.

Sundry Provisions and Clothing, &c., &c.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Government Auctioneer.

Hongkong, November 26, 1878. d3

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Messrs BIRLEY & CO. to sell by Public Auction, on about the 20TH JANUARY, 1879, the 1st Class IRON SCREW STE

Notices to Consignees.
OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S.
COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship *BELGIC*, from San Francisco, &c., are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding discharge of the Steamer will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

G. B. EMORY,
Agent,
Hongkong, November 24, 1878

**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.**

NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.

CONSIGNNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

L. HENNEQUIN,
Actg. Agent.

Ex "Andyr."

M F, No. 381/3, Mr. W. R. Mansfield, 2 cases Wine, from Marseilles.

M F, No. 383/5, Mr. W. R. Mansfield, 3 cases Oignac, from Marseilles.

T H, Tan Sive, 4 pks, Metal, from Batavia.

Hongkong, November 22, 1878.

Intimations.

CAUTION TO THE PUBLIC!

DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE.

WHEREAS it having become known to the Proprietors of Dr Bright's Phosphodyne that a worthless imitation, bearing a similar name, is exported to India, China, &c., and endeavoured to be foisted on purchasers as equal in efficacy to Dr Bright's Phosphodyne, they feel it due to the public to specially caution them against this compound and request their most careful attention to the following distinctive characteristics of Dr Bright's (the only genuine) Phosphodyne.

1st.—That Dr Bright's Phosphodyne is sold only in cases.

2nd.—The words "Dr Bright's Phosphodyne" are clearly blown in each bottle.

3rd.—The Registered Trade Mark and Signature of Patentee are printed on the label of every case.

4th.—Directions for use in all the following languages are enclosed in each case—English, French, German, Italian, Dutch, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Danish, Turkish, Persian, Hindostani, Madrasse, Bengalee, Chinese, and Japanese.

Without which none can POSSIBLY be genuine.

DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE
Is the Only Reliable Remedy for
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on the English Price.

The high estimation in which Phosphodyne is held is unquestionably due to its administration in this form. Therefore

ASK FOR

DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE
And do not be persuaded to take any
Useless and Possibly Dangerous
Imitation.

CAUTION TO MEDICINE VENDORS.

The Trade Mark, Label, &c., of DR. BRIGHT'S PHOSPHODYNE are duly entered at Stationers' Hall, London, and are also registered in the Chief Cities of the World.

Chemists and Druggists are hereby warned that legal proceedings will be immediately instituted by the Authorised Agents, against any person or persons selling Fraudulent imitations of DR. BRIGHT'S (the only genuine) PHOSPHODYNE, from this date, 1st October, 1878.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Whether the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

GLAMIS, British bark, Captain Key.—
Russell & Co.

FORTESCUE, British ship, Capt. Geo. B. Taylor.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

COMMISSARY, British ship, Captain A. Morrison—Meyer & Co.

GITAVALA, British barque, Captain Wallace.—Captain.

ATENIO, British barque, Captain Robert Falconer.—Captain.

FANNY, French barque, Captain E. M. Gouyo.—Landstein & Co.

NAPIER, British barque, Capt. W. L. Bryde.—Messageries Maritimes.

FIRET, Forte British barque, Capt. J. Cowper.—Oliphant & Co.

EARL OF DEVON, British barque, Captain James Beer.—Captain.

TAIWAN, German barque, Captain C. Joss.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.

CAIRG AND, British barque, Capt. W. Hawkins.—Oliphant & Co.

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IN CONSEQUENCE OF MR. VERNON NOT
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TO APPEAR.

THEATRE ROYAL,
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THE OPERA SEASON BEING
FINISH'D.

M. R. JOHN ROLLINGS
BEGS to announce that he will take his
FAREWELL BENEFIT
In Hongkong,

SATURDAY EVENING,
November 30th, 1878.

(ST. ANDREW'S DAY.)

On which occasion will be produced
BENEDICT'S ROMANTIC OPERA
"THE LILY OF KILLARNEY,"

In Four Acts,
With all its Startling Effects.

Mrs OLARA STANLEY AS ELY.

CAST OF CHARACTERS:
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Myles-na-Coppaleen, Mr. J. ROLLINGS.
Anne Chute, Miss B. DRAGER.
Mrs Cregan, Miss A. DRAGER.
Father Tom, Mr. PADDON.
Mr Corrigan, Mr. MACKINNON.
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THE CELEBRATED WATER GATE SCENE WILL
BE PRODUCED IN ITS ENTIRETY, WITH
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SYNOPSIS OF SCENERY:

ACT I.
HALL OF TORE CREGAN.

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COTTAGE AT MUCKROSS HEAD.

Mr. J. ROLLINGS and Miss B. DRAGER
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Interval of Five Minutes.

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The Operas are produced under the Sole
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Tickets to be had and Seats secured at
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PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Dress Circle or Orchestra
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Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen
cannot be admitted.

Hongkong, November 27, 1878.

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Hongkong, March 1, 1878

10-day's Advertisements.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

The Spanish Steamer
"EMUY."

BLANCO, Master, will be despatched
as above on FRIDAY Next,

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For Freight or Passage, apply to

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BRITISH BARQUE "NAPIER."

TENDERERS are invited for the HAUL-
ING UP or DRAKING of the above
VESSEL for EXAMINATION, which will be
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W. L. BRYDE,
Master.

Hongkong, November 27, 1878.

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NOTICE.

IN Consequence of important Business
interfering, the Undersigned begs to

inform Tenderers that their offers for Work

to British Barque "NAPIER," with

TENDERERS also for REMETALING, which

will include OAULKING and FITTING, will

not be received until THURSDAY

Next, the 28th Instant.

W. L. BRYDE,
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Hongkong, November 27, 1878.

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To-day's Advertisements.

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GARRISON THEATRE.

THE BAND AMATEURS OF
HER MAJESTY'S 74TH HIGHLANDERS
will, by kind permission of Colonel JAGG,

give a THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE

on Wednesday Evening,

the 4th December, 1878.

(By Special Request)

The Performance will commence with a

Comedy, in Two Acts, by

PELHAM HARDBROKE, Esq.,

Entitled:

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To conclude with a Farce, in One Act, by

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Doors Open at 8.30; Curtain to rise at 9.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Reserved Seats, 1 DOLLAR.

Front Seats, 50 CENTS.

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Tickets may be obtained from

D. WISHART, Band Sergeant,

Hongkong, November 27, 1878.

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The total returns generally of the Ports do not appear to indicate a falling off in the trade.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The performance of "The Lily of Killarney" is further postponed until Saturday next, Mr Vernon not being yet sufficiently recovered to play.

A SAILING match is being arranged for merchant ships' boats-to-morrow, to start at 11 a.m., the occasion being Thanksgiving Day with our American friends. The entrance fee is \$5 for each boat, the course being twice round Stone-cutter's Island. We hope to see a good fleet of boats face the starter; six boats are already entered, but entries can be effected up to the last moment.

We are glad to note that the interest of our Volunteers is likely to be kept up by out-door exercises other than mere drills and parades. A shooting match announced to take place on Saturday next, when two prizes will be shot for. One prize is allotted to the man who makes the best score in the shortest time at 300, 250, and 200 yards, five shots at each range; any position, Snider rifle. The other prize to be shot for will fall to the lot of the non-commissioned officer or private who makes the highest score with 10 shots at 300 yards. Non-attendance at requisite drill may disqualify members.

We understand that Inspector Orley has organized a body of men (Oblines) numbering about one hundred for the Fire Brigade. These men have been enlisted from the markets, and are to receive payment according to the length of time they are engaged at actual work—the Government providing each of them with a suit of uniform. This addition has been made to the Brigade owing, we believe, to the accident in which P. C. Bond received his injuries.

Mr Justice Russell sat in Summary Jurisdiction to-day. The cases were of very little interest to our readers. One a man, a barber, was sent to one month's hard labour for giving wilful false testimony.

It appears that he had sold his barber's shop and gone to Canton, and during his absence a creditor obtained judgment against him. He returned to the Colony, and his creditor then pressed for payment, the result being that the unhappy barber summoned another man for \$12, which sum it was clearly proved the man of razors had already received. He will now have 30 days to deliberate on the folly of his ways.

At the Marine Court to-day, Thomas Collins, seaman belonging to the British barque *Drumlog*, was charged by Henry Wayman, the master, with refusing duty. Defendant admitted having been absent from his ship without leave, but said that since he had been too unwell to work. The doctor had prescribed for him, but as the medicine was the same as had been prescribed for another man and which made the man bad, he defendant would not take it. Defendant said he was better now and would return to his duty. He was ordered to forfeit ten days' pay for being absent without leave, and six days' pay for refusal of duty.

Police Intelligence. (Both Magistrates sitting.)

27th Nov., 1878.

A DANGEROUS MAN.

Tang Ahing, a coolie unemployed, was charged by Inspector Lindsay with being a person dangerous to the peace of the Colony, and was ordered to find security in \$30 to answer any charge which might be brought against him; failing security, the case to be brought to the notice of H. E. the Governor.

LARCENY.

Sam Ayik, a hawker, and Tang Aman, a coolie, pleaded guilty to stealing \$14, the property of one Liu Ayan. They pleaded poverty as the cause of their crime. Three months' hard labour, the last 14 days to be in solitary confinement.

Mok Apay, a coolie, pleaded guilty to stealing a sheet of copper, the property of the Patent Slip & Dock Company. He was sent to 14 days' imprisonment, 14 days of which to be in solitary confinement, and to be exposed 6 hours in the stocks near the West Point Slip.

Pin Asha, a coolie, was sent to six months' hard labour, the last 14 days to be in solitary confinement, and to be exposed in the stocks for 6 hours, for stealing a piece of iron the property of the P. & O. Company valued at \$5. There were three previous convictions against the accused.

TO-DAY'S FINES.

Cheng Pak-fuk, hawking fresh fish in Tai-ping-shan. Fined 80 cents.

William Murtha, seaman, British ship Commissary, drunkenness and refusing to pay船-hire. Fined 50 cents and ordered to pay 80 cents amends.

Li Ato, a hawker, hawking vegetables without a license. Fined \$1.

Cheung Akwo, a shop-coolie, throwing stones into a brothel. Fined \$1.

Lo Akui, occupant of house No. 16 Po-yan Street, throwing rubbish into the public streets. Fined \$1.

Chun A-sam, a hawker, hawking ground-nuts without a license; pleaded want of time to procure a license. Fined \$2.

Chan Apat, a coolie, and Li Ayan, disorderly conduct. Fined \$5 and \$1 respectively. The 2nd man charged the 1st with stealing \$1, but was unable to prove the charge. The 1st defendant had been once before convicted.

A CHINESE WEDDING.

The very unusual circumstance of a Chinaman making a marriage for his son, and inviting all his "foreign friends" to be present—those whom he knew best by special invitation addressed to them, and others by advertisement in the newspapers—is an event which merits notice as well for its generosity and large-heartedness as for its rarity. Ah Mow is a Chinaman, who, arriving in Shanghai from Ningpo many years ago, commenced business in a very small way. He attended auctions, and anything he bought might be had for so small a commission additional to the price he had paid, that his shop became quite an attraction to those who required out-of-the-way articles, and who could not waste their time at the public sales. Gradually his shop became more and more extensive, and he began to charge a more definite profit on his purchases. His popularity and business still increasing, he was at length obliged to build suitable premises, and form an establishment worthy of his extending prosperity. The building is situated on the very extreme of the French Settlement, far away from the abodes of the foreign residents; yet so well was it known and his honorable dealing appreciated, that he has kept on his profitable career, exclusively supported by foreign patronage. It is not to be wondered at, then that he has a more than ordinary regard for those whose favour has made him the rich man he is reputed to be.

He has two sons, the younger of whom having arrived at a marriageable age, was sought for him among the daughters of his countrymen of Ningpo, and one was selected whose father is intimately connected with Ah Mow in business.

It appears that the youth has been a great favourite with his father ever since he had judgement sufficient to know right from wrong; and has by his good conduct given promises of not only performing the ordinary filial duties required of him, but of honourably maintaining the family name should he survive his parent. The father determined therefore that the occasion of his marriage should be marked with a profusion and a liberality which should prove the affection in which he held his son.

Accordingly, great preparations were made, and the day fixed for the ceremony was Tuesday, the 12th instant—the hour 5 P.M.

Invitations were sent out on red paper enclosed in a large red envelope.

But as we have already said, lest any should deem themselves excluded by not receiving a special invitation, an advertisement appeared inviting all friends.

We are not to suppose that the popularity of the giver of the feast was the sole reason of the gathering that ensued. Curiosity probably lent its aid. Be that as it may, the invitations were very largely responded to.

The compound on which the buildings are erected is not large. From the street an arched way with a good-sized room on each side, ordinarily filled with furniture, leads into a paved courtyard; at a little distance on the right is a room generally devoted to ornamental furniture, vases and nick-nacks; a little further on is the shop, a long narrow room with two centre doors opposite to each other, and one side door; and behind this is a similar building, divided into three rooms and used in the business, besides other apartments for the family. The ceremony took place in the centre room in the last named edifice.

At the appointed hour a number of both ladies and gentlemen had arrived. They found the bridal chair, which, as everyone knows forms an important part in the legality of a marriage in China, was already in position at the entrance of the room in which the ceremony was to take place. It was closed by a drop screen or curtain, and two female attendants, one of whom we believe was the go-between, the other a servant, were in front of it. The room was not a large one, and some tables arranged as an altar with handsomely decorated red candles upon it, besides a censer of incense smoking, and sundry potted vases and other altar ornaments, occupied the portion of the room nearest the front. The back of the room was occupied by foreign ladies who had come earliest, for whom chairs had been placed. In two rooms forming wings to the above a great many visitors, both foreigners and Chinese, found seats; whilst outside there was quite a crowd of gentlemen.

In the chair was seated the bride, who had to wait patiently for a full hour, whilst the guests continued to assemble. It was nearly six o'clock before the bridegroom made his appearance, and entering most unceremoniously without the attendance of any friends he took his place at the altar at the inner part of the room. He had been preceded by a master of the ceremonies; and the musicians, four boys and four women, who had been hitherto stationed at different portions of the compound, and played alternately, pressed into the room and took up a position on one side of the tables. The bride then, having first had some refreshment offered to her in the chair, came forth supported by the two women, one of whom held her by the waist behind, the other held her hands. It is impossible for a foreigner to describe correctly the bridal array, which, however, it must be understood, is all hired—both for the bride and bridegroom. The bridegroom had on a long satin robe with richly embroidered borders both before and behind, mandarin hat and shoes; the lady's dress was a very loose tissue of rich material over a heavily embroidered plaited skirt with a bridal crown, from which a light scarlet veil descended in all sides completely hiding the head from view. An elderly woman seemed to have charge also of the young gentleman.

The bride and bridegroom having been placed side by side in front of the altar, the M.C. said some ceremonial words, and ceasing, the musicians struck up, whilst the pair kowtowed to the altar, all the movements being assisted by the female attendants. They then after some similar address, end again to the strains of music, kowtowed to each other; and once more, with like accompaniments, turned to the inside of the room and went through the same genuflexions. So far the ceremony was ended; but now came a very trying ordeal for them. They had to go to every room on the premises in which tables for

banqueting had been spread, and kowtow to the tables, and that included all of the rooms we have specified. The bride's veil was raised during this ceremony, that all might see her, and as she followed her husband from one to the other, gazed upon by all the assembled strangers, the young lady must have felt very uncomfortable. Neither she nor her husband looked at each other or at any of the visitors, or smiled throughout.

This ordeal having been passed, she was led to the bridal chamber, and the bridegroom left her; but foreigners crowded in and witnessed the change of her head-dress. The veil and crown were removed, and another head-dress, also hired, was regularly built around her head. She then had to sit in a chair for inspection.

The Chinese custom is to pass all sorts of remarks on the personal appearance, often anything but complimentary, and this she has to endure with what composure she can. As it was, she was spared anything like this from her ignorance of the language of the visitors. We should hope also by their better feelings, which would shrink from wilfully inflicting pain on any young lady at such a time.

Meanwhile Ah Mow invited all his guests to be seated at the tables, which were loaded with good things in the before-mentioned apartments; and, although many went home after the ceremony, there must have been over a hundred who availed themselves of the kind host's hospitality.

Each day since, the festivities have been continued among the Chinese themselves; and foreigners who have visited the store, ignorant of the fact, have found tables still spread, the bride still in state to receive visitors, but divested of the hired garments; and the bridegroom in his finery.—*Social Circle.*

CAIRO DURING THE SEASON.

It is now becoming so very fashionable to visit Cairo during the winter season, and either to pass part or the whole winter there, that many will doubt be amused to hear a little about the gaieties and amusements which go on in the capital city of the Khedive. Few, who have read descriptions of old Cairo could imagine or arriving at night in this city that it was the same place, so modern is its appearance. Driving from the railway station through the well-lighted streets into the Oubeket, with its shops and buildings, and cafés chantante, past Shepherd's Hotel and the gardens of the Khedive, to the new hotel, and the round "Place" with its fountain in the centre, the fine opera house, government buildings, &c., one could almost imagine oneself in a part of Paris, if it were not for the cries of "Yemen" (right), "Schmalak" (left), for everyone drives the side he chooses in Cairo, the flaming torches of the running bearers belonging to the vice-regal and harem carriages, or the sight of the Arabs lying stretched about in the streets fast asleep, rolled in their rugs, the perpetual barking of the wild parish dog, and the braying of donkeys. These two latter noises rather disturb the peace of night for the weary traveller on first arriving in Cairo; but the ear soon becomes accustomed to the sounds, and hardly notices them. The morning light awakens one to the fact that one is in a real eastern city; the grave looking slow-marching camels, carrying their heavy loads, with rarely a swifter-footed dromedary, gaily trapped, his rider securely seated on his enormous saddle, a real Bedouin of the desert, in flowing burnous, gaudy turban, waist coat stuck full of ornate weapons, a long carbine over his shoulder, and savage though good-looking face, speeding along at a swinging trot; the donkeys of all sorts, the little over-worked carriers of stone, vegetables, and a multitude of other things—the saddle donkeys for hire, more or less good in appearance, the grand white donkeys having private owners, beautifully groomed, with their own attendant, and with trappings of crimson and gold, tassels and chains of silver, their heads reined up tightly, and ambling proudly along; the little, badly-made, low, squeaking, rumbling carts, dragged by a weary old horse or two, after noises rather disturb the peace of night for the weary traveller on first arriving in Cairo; but the ear soon becomes accustomed to the sounds, and hardly notices them. The morning light awakens one to the fact that one is in a real eastern city; the grave looking slow-marching camels, carrying their heavy loads, with rarely a swifter-footed dromedary, gaily trapped, his rider securely seated on his enormous saddle, a real Bedouin of the desert, in flowing burnous, gaudy turban, waist coat stuck full of ornate weapons, a long carbine over his shoulder, and savage though good-looking face, speeding along at a swinging trot; the donkeys of all sorts, the little over-worked carriers of stone, vegetables, and a multitude of other things—the saddle

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Notices of Firms.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.
HONGKONG AGENCY.

FROM This Date until further notice, Mr. L. HENNEQUIN will assume the Management of the Company's Office at this Port.
H. de POUEY,
Agent.

Hongkong, November 1, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. ARTHUR CHART in our Firm CEASED on the 31st December last.

J. INGLIS & Co.
Hongkong, June 13, 1878.

NOTICE.

MR NG MEI KUM otherwise called MR NG HOK MUN is admitted a Partner in our Firm from the 2nd February, 1878.

TACK MEE, HOP KEE HONG,
No. 9 & 11, Bonham Strand West.
Hongkong, September 30, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of the late Mr NG SIN FOO otherwise called NG HOK SENG in our Firm CEASED from the 2nd February, 1878.

TACK MEE, HOP KEE HONG,
No. 9 & 11, Bonham Strand West.
Hongkong, September 30, 1878.

To Let.

THREE OFFICES, in Club Chambers, The DWELLING HOUSE, No. 3, Alexandra Terrace.

Apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, October 31, 1878.

To Let.

IN the Houses on MARINE LOT 65, formerly known as the Blue Houses, situated on Praya East.

FIRST FLOOR and BASEMENT of No. 2, Praya East, either separately, or together, as required, with immediate possession.

HOUSE No. 3, Praya East. The whole House or in Flats, with immediate possession.

As also,

SIX SPACIOUS ROOMS, with Corridors and Out-houses in the DWELLING HOUSE, to the Eastward of the Pier at Wanchai. These may be had in Apartments of Two or Three Rooms to suit convenience. Fine spacious Verandah looking on the Harbour. Immediate Possession.

TO LET.

FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS, attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai, Marine Lot 65.

For further particulars, apply to
MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, August 15, 1878.

TO BE LET.

TWO Excellent STONE-FLOORED GODOWNS, on Marine Lot No. 10, Praya Central.

Apply to
TURNER & Co.
Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

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A Remarkably Tame Bird.

Legends on Soapstone and Chinaware.

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Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.

China Mail Office,

Hongkong, November 9, 1878.

Mails.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA
POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, AND
MARSEILLES;

Also,
MAHE, ST. DENIS, PORT LOUIS,
AND ALL INDIAN PORTS.

ON THURSDAY, the 28th November, 1878 at Noon, the Company's S. S. AMAZONE, Commandant DIDIER, with MAILED, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 27th November, 1878. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

L. HENNEQUIN,
Actg. agent.

Hongkong, November 15, 1878.

Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE,
IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL

UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES
AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "BELGIO" will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 3rd December, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers to Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 2nd December. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PASSENGER TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 27, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, November 16, 1878.

STREAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-AMPTON, AND LONDON,
VIA BOMBAY;

ALSO
BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL SHIP NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship "LOMBARDY," Captain W. B. HALL, will leave this on THURSDAY, the 5th December, at Noon.

Tea and General Cargo for London will be conveyed via Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week later than by the direct route. Silk and Valuables will be transferred to the Calcutta steamer at Galle.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. McIVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, November 23, 1878.

Insurances.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above-named Company, are prepared to Grant Policies against FIRE on Buildings and on Goods to the extent of \$50,000, at the usual Rates, subject to an immediate Discount of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in China.

OLYPHANT & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1878.

Insurances.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER
of
His Majesty King Geo. The First,
A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co., Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, or on Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premium, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to

ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept RISKS at GREATLY REDUCED RATES, and upon Terms very favourable to the Assured.

OLYPHANT & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 17, 1878.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World.

In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1878.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor- age.	Captain.	Flag and Eq.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignee or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Amazon	5 c	Didier	Foh. str.	1902	Nov. 25	Messageries Maritimes	Marsailles, &c.	To-morrow at daylight.
Alatanta	5 b	Potteran	Ger. str.	783	Nov. 24	Moyer & Co.	Hoihow & Haiphong	3rd prox.
Belgic	3 b	Meyer	Brit. str.	1652	Nov. 24	O. S. S. Co.	Yahma & S. F. Colco	Coast Dock
Bombay	5 b	...	Brit. str.	749	Feb. 12	Kwok Acheng	Hoihow & Haiphong	30th, daylight</